SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10 (NAS)
Topic: "The Perfect Priest"
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1	For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;
2	he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness;
3	and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.
4	And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.
5	So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";
6	just as He says also in another passage, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."
7	In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.
8	Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.
9	And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
10	being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

I. THE APPLICABILITY OF CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD TO US

A. Does It Touch Us Where We Are In Our Struggles?

B. In A General Way, Yes   *Hebrews 4:12*

C. We See The Holiness Of God VS. Our Sinfulness Pointing To Our Great Need   *Galatians 6:14; I Timothy 6:15-16; 1:15*

II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OLD TESTAMENT PRIEST

A. Chosen From Among Men

B. Deal Gently With Men

C. Appointed By God

III. CHRIST'S SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS AS PRIEST

A. He Was Appointed By The Father

B. He Identified With Man   Hebrews 4:15

C. Christ A Perfect Priest Forever

APPLICATION:

1. We Must See How Heinous Our Sin Is In God's Eyes

2. No Sacrifice But The Perfect Sacrifice Of Christ Will Satisfy

3. Obedience Is Evidence Of True Faith

4. Prayer And Obedience Are Inextricably Linked